

Establish prerelease center in northwestern Montana		Agency/Program #: 6401-02-I1
		Division: Community Corrections
		Program: Prerelease
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Program or Project Description:

The Adult Prerelease Unit contracts with seven non-profit prerelease centers for housing, treatment and supervision of 626 men and 174 women. These centers provide transition from prison to community and an alternative to prison for "diverted" offenders when public safety and the offenders' interests are best served by a level of supervision between prison and probation.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	0	0	1,186,250	0	
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$1,186,250	\$0	

Legislative Goal(s):

Establish prerelease center in northwestern Montana.

Legislative Performance Measures :

Update on milestones leading toward opening of center
 - status of citing
 - RFP issuance
 - opening date
 Increase in diversions/alternatives as a result of having pre-release in NW Montana (not available until end of this biennium)

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
1 Public notification --	11/1/2007	
2 Established a community working committee to	January to March 2008	
3 Community survey, public hearings and work on community acceptance	April 2008 to May 2008	
4 Issue RFP, select a contractor and begin work on facility	July 2008 to October 2008	
5 Facility construction, programming development and facility ramp-up:	October 2008 to April 2009	

Agency Performance Report:

The expenditures listed above are as of April 30th, 2008.

Planning and citing efforts are under way. Contract manager has been working with local working committee to examine possible locations for the facility. Staff continue to work with local stakeholders as the plans move forward.

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LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT – Warning

DATA RELEVANCE - Milestones provided

APPROPRIATION STATUS - FY 2009 appropriation, net yet expended

COMMENTS/ISSUES - The legislature appropriated funding for 1 year of operations for a new prerelease center in NW Montana - the appropriation anticipated a July 1, 2008 opening. The milestones provided by the department anticipate an opening date in April of 2009 the last quarter of the fiscal year.

OPTIONS for Workgroup –

1. Accept and receive update in October
2. Accept and do not receive update in October
3. Change LFD assessment to On- track or Critical



Version	Date	Author
AO-1	12/05/07	Gervais
DW-2	05/19/08	Gervais

Change Description
1st report
June 2008 update, changed version to reflect section d